

RECOGNIZING ELIZABETH RINK AND MONICA SKEWES OF BOZEMAN AND ADRIANN RICKER OF FORT PECK

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their dedication to and pursuit of finding solutions to public health issues confronting Montana.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker, an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes, have spent years working with members and leaders of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation community on public health issues it faces. Through community-based research, they are helping develop trauma-informed policies for reservation agencies. All three are working vigorously alongside tribal members to find solutions. Montana State University faculty members Rink and Skewes as well as Ricker from Fort Peck Community College were recently selected for the Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Program, which is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The fellowship allows them to continue this important work.

Their goal is to equip Fort Peck's leaders with data that can guide their policymaking. Their research supports a more compassionate, community-centered approach to address the long-term needs of those seeking help. The three researchers say if a person never heals from tragic circumstances like substance abuse or addiction then the harmful cycles don't end.

Rink, Skewes, and Ricker empower Fort Peck leaders with data. As a result of their work and collaboration, tribal leaders have more information to better understand these complex public health issues. Their research and work are making a difference: many of members of the community are more accepting of and sensitive to these challenges and hardships than they were before.

Madam Speaker, for their community collaboration and tireless work to promote positive community change, I recognize Elizabeth Rink and Monica Skewes of Bozeman, and Adriann Ricker of Fort Peck for their Spirit of Montana.

IN HONOR OF HELEN ZIGMOND

### HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Ms. CHENEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Cheyenne resident Helen Zigmond.

Born in Czechoslovakia on October 27, 1927, Helen and her family were abducted and taken to Auschwitz during the Nazi occupation in WWII. In 1954 Helen and her husband, Eugene, moved to Cheyenne where they stayed for the rest of their lives. Helen took pride in her music store and was active in the local synagogue and the community.

Helen was the last known Holocaust survivor in Wyoming and her presence in the Cheyenne community will be greatly missed. Her story, and those of other survivors, must serve as a reminder to future generations that we all have an obligation to pledge "Never Again."

Again, Madam Speaker, I want to honor and celebrate the life of Helen Zigmond and extend my condolences to her friends and family.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BILLIE AUBRY HITT

### HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Billie Aubry Hitt, who passed away on January 21st at the age of 81.

Billie, a lifelong resident of Calhoun County, Mississippi, answered the call to serve our great nation with the National Guard and later enlisted in the United States Air Force. His career took him all over the world, then brought him back home to Mississippi at the Columbus Air Force Base. Billie later retired and returned to Calhoun County, where he served as both Justice Court Judge and as Sheriff.

Billie, a member of Lewis Memorial United Methodist Church, set an example of faith for his family to follow. He was an active member in his community with the Post 50 American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, National Order of Trench Rats, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Calhoun City Rotary Club, the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1969 and the Calhoun County Republican Party.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Geneise Winters Hitt, as well as many friends and family members. Billie Hitt's life was one of service, grace, love for his family, and community. He will be greatly missed by all whom he encountered.

HONORING MARGARET TATE

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community servant Margaret Tate. Margaret has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication and the desire to serve others.

Mrs. Tate and her husband, Nelson, are Yazoo City residents who make invaluable contributions to their community. Margaret volunteers at the Baptist Medical Center in Yazoo where she was named "Volunteer of the Year" in 2017.

Margaret is a retired speech-language therapist of 32 years with the Holmes County School District. She is an active, dedicated member of King Solomon Missionary Baptist Church where she serves with Mother's Ministry. She is a lifetime member of the Mississippi Valley State University National Alumni Chapter where she serves as secretary.

She is also a member of the MS Association of Retired Educators. Mrs. Tate volunteers at the Manna House helping to sort clothes and serve meals to the people in the community.

Margaret enjoys reading, traveling and serving others. Her joining the hospital auxiliary volunteers provided this opportunity that has proven to be a rewarding experience.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Margaret Tate for her dedication and tenacity to serving her community and desire to be an example for all.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA GRAY HATHAWAY FOR A DISTINGUISHED CAREER WITH THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Cynthia Gray Hathaway on her retirement and recognize her years of distinguished service with the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan. Her contributions to our community are worthy of commendation.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway received her bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State University and earned her master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Detroit. While working toward her master's, Hathaway simultaneously was employed by the Detroit Recorder's Court Probation Department where she became intrigued about law. Later, Hathaway pursued this interest and received her law degree from the Detroit College of Law.

Cynthia Gray Hathaway has become a cornerstone of our Michigan community. As a judge of the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, Hathaway's commitment to justice and the residents of Michigan has made a difference. Beyond her work in a professional capacity, Hathaway has also been a dedicated community member who is active in the NAACP, Detroit Urban League, the Women's Economic Club, and the Reggie McKenzie Foundation, among many others. Hathaway is known for her high degree of professionalism, kind demeanor, and passion for helping everyone she encounters. She has demonstrated her commitment to the entire Michigan community, and it my honor and privilege to recognize her distinguished work today.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Cynthia Gray Hathaway as she retires from the Third Circuit Court. We thank her for her many years of service and leadership and wish her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 24, 2020

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary, the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization.